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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Appln. No.: 10/767,611

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For: ELECTRIC POWER STEERING APPARATUS

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The undersigned, Osamu Tatewaki, Hiroshi Eda, Toshihiro Fukuda, and Jun Okada, hereby make the following Declaration.

1. We are the inventors named in the instant patent application.
2. The undersigned Hiroshi Eda, Toshihiro Fukuda, and Jun Okada are also the inventors named in U.S. Patent No. 6,659,219 (the '219 Patent), which was cited in the rejection of the claims of the instant application in an Office Action dated May 16, 2006.
3. The subject matter of the '219 Patent relied upon by the Examiner as the basis for rejecting the claims of the instant application constitutes the invention of the

inventors of the instant application - namely, all four of the undersigned.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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